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How do I move a span of frames on the timeline in TVP 10?

I shot Scene 2 first... now I want to edit the TVP time line so that span of frames is moved later..

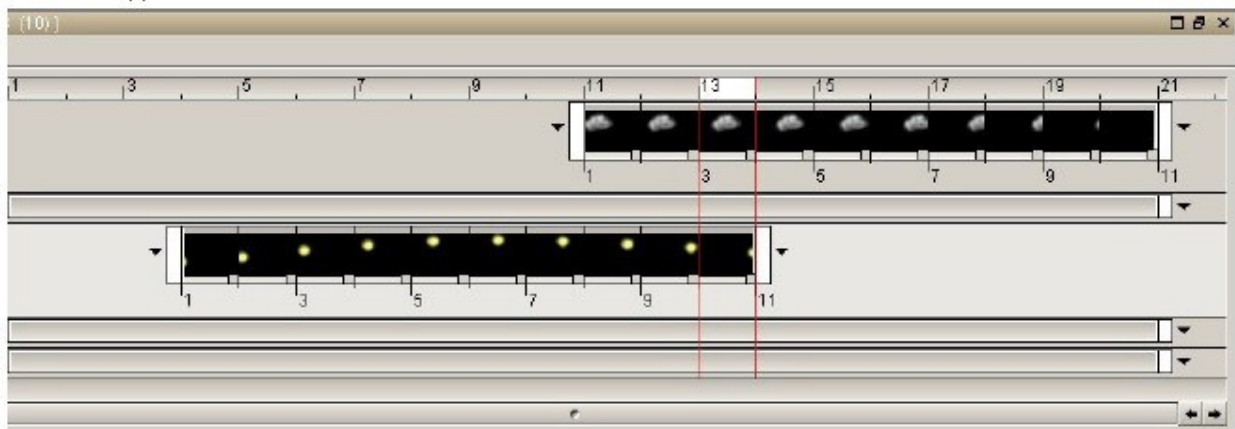
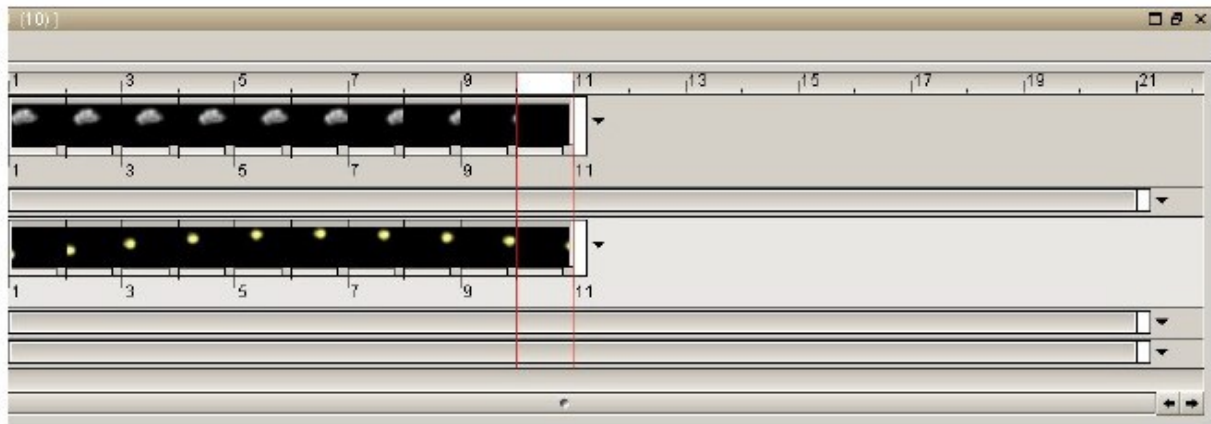
Basically can I edit the timeline like I could in a program like Aftereffects?

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Yes you can move a span of frames in the timeline in TVP 10.

The TVP manual (on page 94) refers to this a " moving the layers in the timeline"

1. So first...I would suggest putting the two animation clips into two separate layers . *
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3. After you have the 2 clips on two layers you can select the span of frames and slide them into position where you want.



Also you can do other things.. like adjust the timing (duplicate frames... put any frame on an extended " hold" to create a pause.. and you can even reverse the order to make things go backwards.) Look at Page 94 in the manual .. and also , for more tricks .. read that chapter

"Temporal Management of Layers" (Chapter 4 in the manual)

And also Chapter 3 which helps to set up concepts)

<http://static.tvpaint.com/downloads/manual/tvpa10/manual.pdf>

* You might be **wondering how to select the SPAN of frames** :

>To move a single image or a group of images you must first SELECT the image or group of images.

>To select the image or group of images on the timeline,

> Under the frames on the timeline ,> LMB-click (hold) & drag along the timeline to make your selection.

(LMB = Left Mouse Button , or CTRL Click & Drag on MAC)

OR You can also Right-Click on the timeline frames and from the menu which appears SELECT ALL. (or select one image by clicking on it so it's highlighted yellow , then keyboard shortcut CTRL A to Select All the images .)

>After selecting the images that you want to move (they should now be highlighted in yellow on the Timeline) Click ,

>Hold and Drag to MOVE the selected images to another part of the timeline .

See the [TVPaint WIKI](#) that Kathleen Quaife posted :

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Answer:

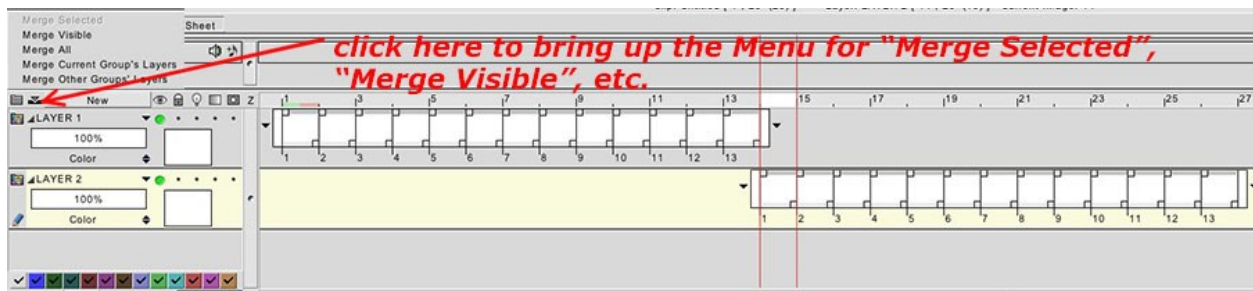
[A Timeline SelectFrames.pdf](#)

Here is another way to look at the answer to your question:

If your two Scenes are on two separate layers instead of on the same layer then you can click and drag the entire layer to move Scene 1 so it starts at Frame 1 on the Timeline and click/drag Scene 2 so it starts on the frame after the Scene 1 layer ends.

When you export they will be exported seamlessly as a single movie .

You may also **MERGE** the two layers to a single layer if you want to. Choose >Merge Visible or Merge All from the menu at the upper left of the Layer Stack Panel . (or if you have multiple layers , but you only want to merge two layers then select them both and choose Merge Selected to only merge those two selected layers but leave the other layers untouched) .



See **TVPaint User Manual** - Lesson 6 - Section 6-8 - to - 6-10 " **Managing the images of an animation layer** "

Look at the rest of Lesson 6 in the User Manual to understand how to manage layers and frames (instances) within layers.

Something else to look at in the TVPaint User Manual is about creating different CLIPS within a single TVP PROJECT . See **Lesson 9** in the **TVPaint User Manual** on **Creating Clips and Scenes** . You can also see how different CLIPS are used within a TVP Project in these video tutorials :

Storyboard:

http://www.tvpaint.com/v2/content/article/support/includes/get_movie_html.php?id=41

Creating a Storyboard in TVPaint:

http://www.tvpaint.com/v2/content/article/support/includes/get_movie_html.php?id=43

Don't let it throw you off that it says "Storyboard" . It's the same procedure for creating multiple animation Scenes (Clips) within a single TVP Project.

The advantage is that the Clips are kept on separate timelines so you can adjust one or more Clips without affecting the Clip before or after it , but when you go to export the entire sequence to a Quicktime .MOV it will arrange all the Clips in the correct order , as a completed sequence.

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